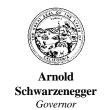


California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

Karl E. Longley, ScD, P.E., Chair



Sacramento Main Office

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 Phone (916) 464-3291 • FAX (916) 464-4645 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley

2 October 2007

Mr. Edgar Smith, President Meridian Beartrack Company 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200 Reno, NV 89511 CERTIFIED MAIL 7006 0810 0002 2357

MERIDIAN BEARTRACK COMPANY, ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE – TENTATIVE DRAFT WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER AND NPDES PERMIT, CALAVERAS COUNTY

Enclosed are the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES No. CAXXXXX) for the Meridian Beartrack Company, Royal Mountain King Mine. Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the proposed Order should be submitted to this office no later than noon on **2 November 2007** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the meeting of the Regional Water Board.

A Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) concerning the proposed Order is also enclosed. Regulations require that the Discharger publish the Notice in a local newspaper for one (1) day commencing no later than **5 October 2007**. The expense of publication is to be paid by the Discharger. Additionally, by **5 October 2007**, post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse, one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed), and one (1) copy at the public entrance to the Facility. Proof of posting, using the enclosed form, shall be filed with this office by **12 October 2007**.

In order to conserve resources, this letter transmits paper copies of the documents to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, please contact me at (916) 464-4772.

STAFF
SENIOR

James D. Marshall, P.E. Senior Engineer

Enclosures (3) Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (Discharger Only)
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)
Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)

cc: Mr. Doug Eberhardt, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, San Francisco

US Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento

US National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa

Ms. Frances McChesney, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento

Mr. David Boyers, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento

Mr. Phil Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento

Department of Water Resources, Central District, Sacramento

State Office of Historical Preservation, Sacramento

Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento

Ms. Carol Oz, Department of Fish & Game, Region II, Rancho Cordova

Mr. Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Stockton

Mr. Dan Gildor, Environmental Law Foundation, Oakland

Ms. Megan Anderson, Environmental Advocates, San Francisco